

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title:	SLICE BLEND	§		
	EXTENSION FOR	§		
	ACCUMULATION	§		
	BUFFERING	§		
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2006**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 6, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.